

Memoir Quiz Study Guide

Assessment will consist of:

- Matching
- Critical reading passage (an unfamiliar excerpt) with multiple choice questions to follow
- Quote Identification from the memoirs read in class

allusion: a reference to a well-known character, place or situation.

metaphor: a direct comparison of two unlike things not using like or as. (e.g., Sam's smile is a ray of hope.)

simile: a direct comparison of two unlike things using the words like or as; sometimes clichés are also similes. (e.g., *She is as thin as a toothpick.*)

setting: the time and place in which a story takes place (may be specific or vague)

theme: the main idea or the basic meaning of a literary work; the message the author is trying to convey. Theme may be the author's thoughts about a topic or view of human nature.

foreshadowing: a suggestion of what is going to happen.

tone: suggests an attitude toward the subject which is communicated by the words the author chooses. Part of the range of tone includes playful, somber, serious, casual, formal, ironic.

symbol: any object, person, place, or action that has a meaning in itself and also stands for something larger than itself, such as a quality, an attitude, a belief, or a value.

imagery: concrete words and details that appeal to the senses to create images in readers' minds

mood: a literary element that evokes certain feelings or vibes in readers through words and descriptions

voice: the distinctive use of language that shows the author's personality

characterization: the techniques a writer uses to develop a character and to make him/her believable (four methods)

- a. physical description
- b. author/narrator's comments
- c. character's speech and actions
- d. other characters' speech and actions

Other things to know:

- memoir
- autobiography
- biography
- narrator vs. author
- synonym
- antonym
- the titles & authors of the memoir excerpts